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SUBJECT: SECRETARY FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON THE NORDIC COUNTRIES IN SECRETARY' S  
1972 FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19  
FOLLOWS:

THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

QTE: THE YEAR 1972 WAS ONE OF DECISION FOR THE NORDIC COUN-  
TRIES AS THEY DETERMINED THEIR INDIVIDUAL RELATIONSHIPS TO  
AN ENLARGED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. DENMARK ALONE CHOSE FULL  
MEMBERSHIP. ALTHOUGH THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD FAVORED  
JOINING THE NORWEGIAN ELECTORATE IN A SEPTEMBER REFERENDUM  
REJECTED ENTRANCE INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE DO NOT REGARD  
THIS DECISION, HOWEVER, AS INDICATING ANY LESSENING OF NOR-  
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WAY' S TIES TO NATO. NORWAY WILL NOW NEGOTIATE AN INDUS-  
TRIAL FREE- TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE EC, AS SWEDEN, ICELAND,  
AND FINLAND HAVE ALREADY DONE. FINLAND HAS INITIALED BUT  
NOT YET SIGNED ITS AGREEMENT. AS THE SOLE NORDIC MEMBER OF  
THE EC, DENMARK WILL BE LOOKED TO AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE  
EC AND SCANDINAVIA.

OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE NORDIC COUNTRIES HAVE TRAD-  
ITIONALLY BEEN GOOD; WE HAVE PARTICULARLY CLOSE RELATIONS,  
OF COURSE, WITH OUR NATO ALLIES, NORWAY, DENMARK, AND ICE-  
LAND. HOWEVER, AN IRRITANT IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN OUR

DIFFERING VIEWS ON THE VIETNAM WAR. IN THE CASE OF  
SWEDEN, OUR RELATIONS DETERIORATED DURING 1972 AS THE RE-  
SULT OF REPEATED PUBLIC CRITICISM BY SENIOR SWEDISH GOVERN-  
MENT OFFICIALS OF OUR VIETNAM POLICY, WITHOUT ANY BALAN-  
CING CRITICISM OF NORTH VIETNAMESE ACTIONS. CRITICISM OF  
THE UNITED STATES CULMINATED AT THE END OF THE YEAR IN AN  
ATTACK BY SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME ON U. S. BOMBING  
OF NORTH VIETNAM, IN WHICH HE COMPARED OUR ACTIONS WITH  
NAZI ATROCITIES DURING WORLD WAR II. WE PROTESTED TO THE  
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE EXTREME NATURE OF MR.  
PALME' S STATEMENT, WHICH WE CONSIDER INCOMPATIBLE WITH  
RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

NORDIC HOSPITALITY IN 1972 WAS EXTENDED IN A NUMBER OF  
WAYS. STOCKHOLM WAS THE HOST IN JUNE TO THE U. N. CONFER-  
ENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT, WHILE HELSINKI COMPLETED  
THREE YEARS AS THE COHOST WITH VIENNA OF THE SALT, NOW  
MOVED TO GENEVA. IN NOVEMBER HELSINKI HOSTED THE MULTI-  
LATERAL PREPARATORY TALKS FOR THE CSCE. THE FINNS HAVE  
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF WILL BE HELD IN  
HELSINKI. END QTE. ROGERS

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